

**Docket No.**  
**A-7641**

Serial No.  
09/966,750

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**October 1, 2001**

Examiner  
**Philip C. Tucker**

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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 8, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month      ☐ Two months      ☐ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: **April 8, 2004**      until: **May 8, 2004**  
Date Date

**A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:**

- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	58 -	20 =	38	x \$9.00	\$342.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	4 =	1	x \$43.00	\$43.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$385.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$440.00

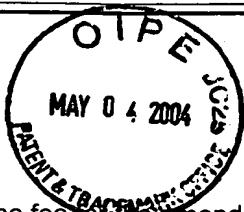
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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$440.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
  - ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
  - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**

  
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Dated: May 3, 2004

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